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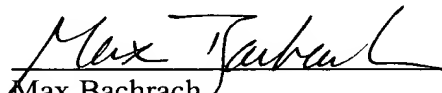
Sir:

Applicants have appealed the final rejection of the claims pending in the above-captioned patent application. In connection with that appeal and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.194, Applicants respectfully request an oral hearing before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. A hearing is believed necessary and desirable for a proper presentation of the appeal.

An estimated fee of \$ 290.00 is due for this submission. *See* 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.194(c) and 1.17(d). Please charge the required fee to Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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